

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Deborah Deal upon her receipt of the 2020 Nurse Leader of Distinction Award from the Tennessee Hospital Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to the healthcare profession; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Deal is one such commendable person, who recently received the 2020 Nurse Leader of Distinction Award from the Tennessee Hospital Association, an honor that recognizes her work to optimize the patient experience, enhance nurse retention, and enhance the quality of services provided across the Parkridge Health System; and

WHEREAS, the chief nursing executive for the Parkridge Health System, Ms. Deal holds a Master of Health Services Administration degree, and she is currently pursuing her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Deal's leadership, Parkridge Health has significantly enhanced its quality and patient satisfaction scores, and Parkridge Medical Center earned a spot in the top forty of all HCA Healthcare facilities; and

WHEREAS, Parkridge Medical Center and Parkridge East Hospital both earned A safety grades from The Leapfrog Group, the only hospitals in Chattanooga to achieve such a distinction, and both hospitals ranked in the top ten for quality metrics within HCA Healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Deal is a positive advocate for her profession; she has consistently demonstrated an uncommon willingness to elevate the level of nursing in the Parkridge Health System, and she tirelessly advocates for her nursing colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Deal is a consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Deal is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Deborah Deal upon her receipt of the 2020 Nurse Leader of Distinction Award from the Tennessee Hospital Association and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.